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SHE SMILED AND WENT AWAY

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A gentle, kind beautiful mother is with them no more. Pain and suffering sanctified the smile that radiated Christianity, valour, and overflowing love. She was fragile, but knew no fear. Knowing that there are some things in life more important than living, she did not count sacrifices nor measure odds. God was lonesome for her smile.

Success in life is measured in many ways. To her the intensity of love was more important than its duration, the breadth of life more important than its length. Forty years she spent sharing happiness and serving others. Her empire was her home, governed by His Commandments and the Golden Rule. Her life was a pilgrimage of kindness. Her death was a homecoming of one all-kind to one All-mighty.

After the death of his wife last Spring, Dr. Nix wrote this eulogy for his children, as a memory of their mother. We thought it would be an inspiration to others.

In the treasured memories of her loved ones, she is forever young. She speaks to them in the universal and eternal language of love—protecting, comforting and inspiring those she left behind. They answer in prayer to and for their mother—their guardian angel. In this silent conversation, they find peace.

Her life is changed for the better, not ended. Theirs will never be the same. She lives on in the hearts of her loved ones. They are lonely, but never alone. They regret the many things they left unsaid; yet no task seems difficult now, for they are doing it for mother. Inheriting her bravery, they live in the present, but live for their family reunion with Him. As they said "au revoir" at the cemetery, she proudly felt her mission in life accomplished, as her family, accepting God's will, closed ranks with the strength gained from a transfusion of tears. Her smile is cheering angels now.

